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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5544-D-08]

**Redelegation of Authority Under Section 561 of the
Housing and Community Development Act of 1987**

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of redelegation of authority.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) supersedes all prior redelegations of authority made within the office of the Assistant Secretary for FHEO under Section 561 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP), and retains and with noted exception redelegates this authority to the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for FHEO, who retains and further redelegates certain authority to FHEO headquarters and region office staff.

DATES: Effective Date: November 16, 2011

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara K. Pratt, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 5204, Washington, DC 20410-0001, telephone 202-402-6322. (This is not a toll-free number.) Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Fair Housing Initiatives Program contained in the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3616a, authorizes the Secretary to provide funding to state

and local governments or their agencies, public or private non-profit organizations or other public or private entities formulating or carrying out programs to prevent or eliminate discriminatory housing practices. This enables the recipients to carry out activities designed to obtain enforcement of the rights granted by the federal Fair Housing Act or by substantially equivalent state or local fair housing laws. This also enables the recipients to carry out education and outreach activities designed to inform the public of their rights and obligations under such federal, state or local laws prohibiting discrimination. By regulation, the Secretary has delegated to the Assistant Secretary for FHEO the authority to administer the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (24 CFR 125.104(a)). On December 17, 2007 (72 FR 71425), the Assistant Secretary for FHEO redelegated certain authority under the FHIP. Through this notice, the Assistant Secretary for FHEO supersedes all previous redelegations under FHIP within the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, and retains and, with noted exception, redelegates authority to certain headquarters staff.

Accordingly, the Assistant Secretary for FHEO and the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for FHEO redelegate authority as follows:

Section A. Authority Redelegated

The Assistant Secretary for FHEO retains and, with certain exceptions, noted in Section B, redelegates to the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for FHEO the authority to act under Section 561 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-242, February 5, 1988). This includes authority to further redelegate this authority.

The General Deputy Assistant Secretary, in turn retains and with exceptions noted in Section B herein redelegates this authority to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs, and the Director of the Office of Programs.

Section B. Authority Excepted

The authority redelegated by the Assistant Secretary for FHEO does not include the authority to issue or waive regulations, including authority to waive portions of the FHIP regulation pursuant to 24 CFR 125.106.

The authority redelegated in this notice by the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for FHEO, does not include the authority to determine the appropriate reporting and record maintenance, as provided in 24 CFR 125.104(e).

Section C. Authority Superseded

All prior redelegations of authority made within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for FHEO regarding Section 561 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, the Fair Housing Initiatives Program, are superseded.

Section D. Authority to Redelegate

The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs and to the Director of the Office of Programs may not redelegate the authority provided in Section A of this notice.

Authority: Section 7(d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

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